



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

25th July 2021

17th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Day of Prayer for Grandparents
and the Elderly

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Mass Times

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| Sunday | 10.00 |
| Monday | 07:30 |
| Tuesday | 07:30 |
| Wednesday | 09.00 |
| Thursday | 07:30 |
| Friday | 09.00 |
| Saturday (vigil) | 18.00 |

Mass Intentions

Sat 24: Grandparents
Sun 25: Ann Cartledge
Mon 26: Monica Reilly RIP
Tue 27: Paul Callaghan RIP
Wed 28: Tendai Shummba
Thu 29: Antonio Fernandes
Fri 30: Varnissa Cole
Sat 31: Tony Edwards RIP
Sun 1/8: Parishioners

Homily Notes

Elderly people in the Bible often acted as bridges between eras in our history of salvation. Abraham was a

bridge between the ancient tribal gods of his world and the God of the Covenant, who showed mercy and love for the Chosen People and stayed always with them in their difficulties. Joachim and Anne, Elizabeth and Zachary were bridges between the God of the Old Testament and the revelation in Jesus Christ of a God of total love who came among the people in the person of his Son Jesus, to show us the way to complete union with God.

Is this not a major role of the elderly, especially of grandmothers and grandfathers, even today? Are they not the holders of tradition, the holders of memories of their generation who will pass on these traditions and memories to prepare young people to enter into their own new era? Do they not, with the wisdom of experience, guide the young in their development and experimentation?

During the Synod discussions the elderly were the most attentive to the process and were constant in their participation. Yet the Synod is moving us forward; to weigh the anchors of the past and head out to the unknown seas. Their strong participation shows that the elderly too have dreams. They want to pass on a better world to their grandchildren.

Pope Francis says that each generation has its dreams. He says *“Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity, can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future.”*

Yes, the young and the old need to work together to achieve this better world that we dream of in the Synod.

Pope Francis, himself an old man, says that the old and the young can make things happen *“if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills.”*

Terry



Grandparents' Prayer

*I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my
confidence,*

*You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!
I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life
and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which
You call me.*

*Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.*

*Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel
might reach the ends of the earth.*

*Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.*

*Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.*

Amen.

Pope Francis

Refreshments will be served after the 10am
Mass on Sunday, in honour of our
Grandparents and Elderly members of the
Community.
All are welcome!

Parish Notice Board

COVID SELF-PROTECTION

As restrictions have been lifted since 19th July, we will be making a few minor changes. But we will be doing our best to keep people safe too.

So, at St. Vincent's:

- We will be keeping masks on for the foreseeable future,
- Hand sanitizers will be available at key entry and exit points,
- Stewards will continue to assist in guiding people to benches,
- Stewards will also manage the procession for Communion, bench by bench. We ask that you keep your mask on and only lower it to consume the Host once you have stepped away from the priest,
- The sign of peace will continue to be a gesture rather than a handshake,
- The baskets for offertory and special intentions will remain at the back of the church,
- Singing will return but you should keep your mask up.

Thank you, everyone, stewards especially.

Lottery Results

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No winners this time!

Offerings on 18th July

Envelopes £87.00

Plate £116.10

Seamen's Mission £10.00

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

SUNDAY MORNING MASS STREAMING

NOW ON YOUTUBE:

St Vincent de Paul Parish Liverpool L1

10AM

You can now watch the Mass, live or recorded, on your TV, computer or phone, by tuning into You Tube and looking for the SVP channel.

The Archdiocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes cannot take place this year.

Instead, a **LOURDES AT HOME PILGRIMAGE** has been organised, beginning with Mass at the Cathedral on the **25th July at 3.00pm**,

concluding with a Torchlight Procession in Our Lady's Garden, Southport on **Friday 30 July at 6pm**

More information available on Notice Board and on line [here](#).

WHERE ARE THE PRIESTS?

THE GOOD NEWS is that **Fr. Charles** is on his way back! He will arrive in London on Wednesday this week and begin 10 days of self-isolation before travelling up to Liverpool. Let us keep him in our prayer for this period of quarantine and remember his family he has left behind.

Fr. Ferdinand left for a well-deserved holiday with his family in the Netherlands. He will be away 3 weeks.

Happy Holidays, Ferdinand !!

Pastoral Associate Update:

It's been a full-on few weeks with an intense and powerful weeklong stay at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, as part of the Synod Pastoral Plan Group and Archbishop's Council deliberations following the outcome of the Synod. The way we worked together synodally was incredibly encouraging and we were true to the recommendations that had been filtered from every voice heard in the Archdiocese. The energy will be taken forward by the writing group and we look forward to the final plan over the next months.

Covid continues to disrupt Parish celebrations with First Communion candidates isolating in various parishes. However, we welcome all those who have managed to celebrate the Eucharist for the first time this summer in whatever way!

Last Monday I finally moved my 89-year-old mother up from Surrey, from her home of 45 years, and she is now only three miles away. She was remarkably stoic when leaving. As she noted – "The house is one thing, yes there are memories, but the burden of the maintenance and upkeep is now overwhelming. It is the people, the friends and neighbours that I leave behind, that I will miss".

As I reflect on our return to church as the restrictions ease, what is it that we value within the bricks and mortar of our buildings? This quote from Maya Angelou, poet, author, activist, touched me deeply as I was reflecting on all of this: "*The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned*".

God Bless,

Helen

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Loretta ASHCROFT, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Patricia BIRCH, Catherine BOWLES, Pat BURKE, Josie CALVEY, Billy CARTLEDGE Jr., Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNN, Jean ENNIS, Mr. FERNANDEZ, Geoffrey FITZSIMMONS, Joan FORD, Imelda FOSTER, Lindsay HASTIE (Covid), Darren KELLY, Frances KERWIN, , Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M'EOVOY, Kathleen M'GOVERN, Mary MELODY, Pauline MILLER, Alfie MONTGOMERY, Katherine MORLEY, Bernadette MURPHY, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Sarah PAUL, Mary PEERS, Mary RICE, Mike RICHARDS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Philip SCOTT, Elizabeth STABRAWA

Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, BROWNE Family, Sean CONNEELY, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M'CANN & Family, Kristine STABRAWA, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT

And for those who have died: Duncan BROWNE, Paul CALLAGHAN, Tony EDWARDS, Imelda FOSTER, Sonny MACKLIN, Tony MOGAN 1st anniversary